

CSWC Operational Period Summary

0600 October 16 2015 to 1800 October 16 2015



Railroad track undermined near Cameron, Kern County

Photo Credit: Union Pacific Railroad

Note: [Report updates are in blue](#)

SITUATION SUMMARY

West Lake Incident, Kern and Los Angeles Counties

- A low-pressure weather system absorbing moisture from the south sparked severe weather, mudslides and flash flood warnings across southwestern California on Thursday evening.
- About 2 1/2 inches of rain fell in a short period of time in the affected areas, portions of which were covered with golf ball-sized hail.
- Flash flooding sent water, mud and rocks rushing across Interstate 5 at Fort Tejon, stranding hundreds of vehicles and closing the major north-south thoroughfare. Some secondary roads were left impassable from mud.
- Some homes were affected by mud in the Elizabeth Lake, Lake Hughes and Palmdale areas according to local media reports.
- There have been no reports of serious injuries or deaths, as of this report.

Activations

- Southern REOC is activated at Level 1
- Los Angeles County EOC activated to Level 1 today and deactivated at 1830 hours this evening.
- Kern County EOC is activated at Level 2.
- City of Palmdale EOC is activated at Level 1.

Road Conditions and Closures

Per CHP:

- Eastbound and Westbound Highway 58 near Tehachapi is closed

Per Caltrans:

- Northbound and southbound traffic has fully reopened on Interstate 5.
- There are no vehicles reported stuck on northbound Interstate 5.
- Kern Co. and Fire are assisting with loaders to assist in removing debris.

Infrastructure & Utilities

- Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) has arrived at the area of damaged track with loaders and dozers. Access is still being inhibited by Hwy 58 being closed eastbound from Bakersfield. No access to Tehachapi from Mojave. Initial assessment appears to be a high volume of mud as opposed to water eroding the track. Main track #1 could be reopened as early as this evening for train traffic at reduced speed.

Proclamations

- A Proclamation from Los Angeles County has been received proclaiming a local emergency as a result of flooding and debris flows affecting the unincorporated communities of Quartz Hill, Leona Valley, Lake Hughes and Elizabeth and surrounding areas in Los Angeles County. The proclamation is requesting recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) and a Governor's concurrence.
- There are no unmet needs by Los Angeles County from the State at this time.

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Inland Region

- Per the Cal OES Inland Region Duty Officer, Kern County does not have any requests for state assistance at the time of this report
- Mudslides have occurred on Hwy 58 closing the roadway between Tehachapi and Mojave. Students and chaperones from the Arvin School District were cut-off while returning home. Palmdale School District assisted Arvin School district by providing accommodations and meals overnight. Per Inland Duty Officer: [The students are currently enroute to Arvin and are expected to arrive in Arvin by 2200 hours this evening.](#)

Southern Region

- Los Angeles County Probation Department reported that Camp Mendenhall, a probation camp, was sheltering in place due to a mudslide on Lake Hughes Road. The camp advises that they are self-sufficient and have adequate supplies of water and food.
- Camp Mendenhall reported 49 minors in the camp and 22 minors from Camp Munz. Adult staff is 14 Probation Officers and 12 other auxiliary staff.
- Camp Munz is currently closed due to plumbing upgrade. No minors on premises. Due to facility upgrade all minors were transferred to Camp Mendenhall. Currently on site 15 adults (Probation, DMH, and other auxiliary staff). They have enough food and water and will shelter in place until roads are reopened.
- Los Angeles County does not have any unmet needs or requests for state assistance at the time of this report, per the Cal OES Southern Region Duty Officer.
- Los Angeles County will activate their 211 Disaster Hotline for businesses and residents to report damages. The damage report capability will also be available on their website.

Shelters

Kern County

- A shelter has been opened west of the slide at Monroe High School, 126 S Snyder Ave, Tehachapi, CA 93561.
- A shelter has been opened east of the slide at Mojave High School, 15732 O St, Mojave, CA 93501.

Los Angeles County

- The City of Palmdale is reporting that the American Red Cross has established a shelter at Marie Kerr Park, 2723 Rancho Vista Blvd (address for the Palmdale Amphitheatre), Palmdale, CA 93551.
- Lake Elizabeth Elementary School is sheltering 25 people who were trapped and had to shelter in place.
- Cal OES leaders and 24-hour on call duty officers are gathering information and providing updates as they become available.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Flash Flooding, Highway 166 Closure, Santa Barbara County

- Cal OES LDO advised per CHP ENTAC, eastbound and westbound Highway 166 is closed from Highway 101 near Santa Maria to Maricopa due to flash flooding which caused an unknown debris flow.
- An unknown amount of vehicles are stuck in the flow near Santa Maria but no injuries are reported. Santa Barbara County SO is on scene.
- Per Mona Bontty, Cal OES Southern Regional Administrator, there are no life safety issues and occupants of the vehicles were going to be cleared from the debris area by 1900 hours.
- There are no requests for State assistance.

Knights Landing Community Services District Well Failure, Yolo County

- Per Cal OES IDO: Knights Landing Community Services District (CSD) reported a well failure on 10/12/15. This follows a separate well failure several weeks ago. The CSD is now operating on one well. In support of Yolo County and the CSD, Cal OES is coordinating with State Water Board to investigate funding sources to support repairs.
- Yolo County EOC Activated at Level 2 beginning 0900 on 10/13/15 in support of Knights Landing CSD Well Failure.

Cal OES Activation Status

- The Cal OES State Operations Center (SOC) transitioned to Joint Field Office (JFO) operations with FEMA to support recovery operations.

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought
- On 10/16/15 the California State Warning Center (CSWC) received a Drought Proclamation from the City of Fort Bragg, Mendocino County

Proclamation, Middletown Rancheria Pomo Indians, Lake County

A Proclamation from the Middletown Rancheria Pomo Indians, Lake County has been received proclaiming a local drought emergency. There are no requests for State Assistance.

Weather of Concern

- A Flash Flood Warning remains in effect until 1915 hours this evening for eastern Fresno County.
- A Flash Flood Watch remains in effect until 2200 hours this evening for Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Ventura Counties.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

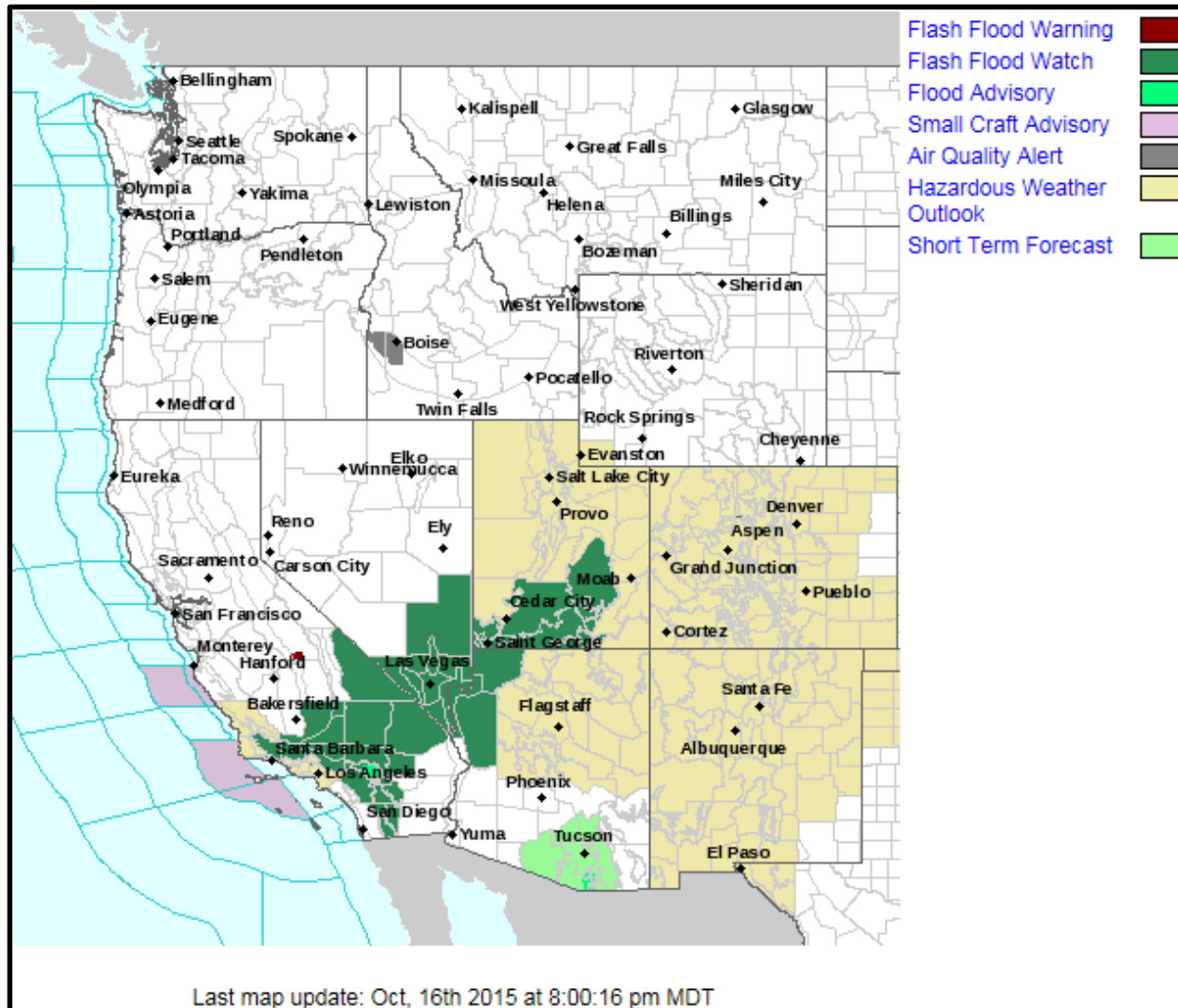
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Low pressure is producing cooler temperatures, higher humidity, and increasing clouds throughout Northern California today. A few showers are spreading over the southern end of the region this morning, and isolated showers and thunderstorms are possible anywhere in the region later today. A cold front approaching the North Coast will cause winds over higher terrain to increase out of the southeast to southwest later today. The front will sweep across the region tonight and Saturday with heavier showers and a few thunderstorms. South to southwest winds along and ahead of the front will gust to 30-35 mph. The big difference in the forecast now compared to yesterday is that the system is not expected to exit the region entirely by early Sunday. More disturbances within the northwest flow following the front will move across the Northern Operations region Sunday and Monday and produce more showers, mainly in the mountains. Rainfall totals by the time the last disturbance exits the region could range from 0.50-1.00 inches in some of the northwestern and northern mountains, up to half an inch elsewhere over higher terrain, and a trace to 0.25 inches at lower elevations. High pressure will return Tuesday and Wednesday and produce a warming and drying trend. North to northeast and offshore surface winds will gust to 25-35 mph in wind-prone areas from the lower Western Sierra slopes to the coast and enhance the warming and drying. At this time it looks like a dry front moving into the area on Thursday will turn winds back to onshore and bring some cooling.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

An area of low pressure currently over the southern portions of Central California will continue to bring showers and thunderstorms to the mountains and deserts through this evening. Local areas underneath the center of thunderstorms may receive an additional inch or more of rainfall today. A weak Pacific trough coming from the Gulf of Alaska will bring isolated showers and thunderstorms mainly to the Sierra and to the deserts this weekend. Temperatures will continue to slowly cool through Sunday, with near normal temperatures expected this weekend. Maximum temperatures will be in the mid-60s to mid-70s in the mountains, with mid-70s to mid-80s in the valleys today. Winds will be light through Sunday morning outside of locations affected by thunderstorms and then westerly winds of 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph will surface across the desert passes Sunday afternoon through Sunday evening as the trough pushes through. A ridge of high pressure will build into California from the Pacific Ocean bringing a significant warming and drying trend to the region Monday through the middle of next week. Gusty offshore winds will surface across most of Southern California Tuesday morning through Wednesday afternoon.

STATE WEATHER MAP



Cal OES
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

FIRE ACTIVITY

FIRES, SOUTHERN OPERATIONS AREA

Cienega, Vegetation Fire, San Benito County (Final)

Location: Cienega Rd. x Lime Kiln Roads, Thompson Creek area, South of Hollister

Jurisdiction: SRA

Start Time: 10/12/15 at 1600 hours

Per CAL FIRE, Cal OES and/or ICS-209 as of 10/16/15 at 1744 hours:

- 670 Acres, 100% Contained

FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

Southern California

Preparedness Level 3, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC is activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may put the following link to the brochure on their webpage <http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf>
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) collective OA drought call is facilitated by the SOC every Monday at 1100 hours.

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Local Emergency Proclamations:

A total of 61 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:

- 27 Counties: Butte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 13 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County), City of Willits (Mendocino County), and City of Fort Bragg (Mendocino County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.